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Section B

Murdock To Get \$10,000 A Year On College Job

Forrest Murdock, named April 2 as director of the newly formed El Camino College, will receive a salary of \$10,000 a year, it was revealed this week. This is the same salary figure which the Torrance City Board of Education fixed for Superintendent of Schools J. S. Hull.

Murdock, superintendent of Centinela Valley Union High School district, was named from a slate of candidates screened by the office of the County Superintendent of Schools and heads of the education departments of the University of California at Los Angeles and University of Southern California. The Torrance City Board of Education followed an identical procedure in selecting the superintendent of Torrance schools.

A native of Iowa, the new director received his bachelor of arts degree in sociology, history and economics from Washington State university and his masters degree in education from the University of Washington.

He was principal of San Jose High School from 1933 to 1945 and is completing his second year as head of the Centinela Valley high school district.

The appointment became effective July 1 and will be a four-year term.

College classes are being conducted at the Redondo High School, El Segundo High school and Inglewood High school, and the college probably will be located at Alondra park, at Redondo Beach boulevard and Crenshaw boulevard.

Harbor General Hospital Nears Its Peak Load

According to J. E. Smits, superintendent, the Harbor General hospital on Carson st., just east of Normandie ave., which opened last July with a score of patients transferred from Los Angeles, now has 445 patients and is heading towards the peak of slightly more than 500.

In February the institution, with a staff of 80 nurses was opened to direct admission of acutely ill patients. The staff has continued with only slight fluctuation of personnel to meet the almost doubled load caused by the admission change.

Smits cited openings in many nursing fields including obstetrical, surgery and wards. He urged interested nurses to phone or visit the hospital at 1124 W. Carson st.

Smits said more than 100 babies have been delivered in the hospital since February and that the institution daily renders emergency service to the entire harbor district including victims of traffic, industrial and home accidents.

WHITE ELEPHANTS

In Slam the white elephant is believed to contain the soul of a dead person, perhaps a Buddha, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica. The animal is baptized and feted, and at its death mourned like a human being.

South Bay Water District Area May Be Specified At Meeting Tomorrow

Question of boundaries of South Bay Water District may be considered at a meeting slated for tomorrow, April 11, R. E. Austin has informed members of the South Bay Water Committee. He said:

"The Metropolitan Water District has not taken any further steps to consider our South Bay Water District organization since my last report to you.

"Julian Hinds, general manager of Metropolitan, was called to Washington and will return on Monday of next week. The understanding is that he has completed a study of our district proposal and has a report to give to the Metropolitan Water Problems committee, and it is believed the Water Problems committee will meet on Friday morning, April 11. If this meeting takes place on the 11th, the question of the boundaries of our district will again be considered, and the recommendations of the Water Problems committee will be submitted to the Metropolitan Water District Board which meets later that same day. This committee meeting for Friday, April 11, has not yet been definitely set, but is projected and will probably be arranged for on Mr. Hinds' return.

"As far as I am able to tell, the prospect is good that the district we have proposed will be approved, with the possible addition of territory in the southeast including the Richfield Oil Co. refinery and some neighboring property. However, it should be understood by all members of our own committee that if the Metropolitan Water Problems committee should reach a conclusion which is unsatisfactory to us, that doesn't necessarily end our negotiations on that subject.

"As soon as it is known that there will be a meeting with the Water Problems committee, I will notify you. I think it important that we have a good representation in attendance at the next meeting.

"Nothing else has transpired that I know of that would have an important bearing on this subject since my last communication to you."

The Lomita territory has been accepted as a potential part of the South Bay Water district. Torrance and Los Angeles city districts already are a part of the Metropolitan Water District.

C. F. Shoop, supervising editor of Pasadena Star-News, will respond.

Officers of the 48 state societies, and other distinguished guests, will be introduced.

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Bill Asks Tax Election For El Camino J.C.

Special legislation to permit the El Camino Junior college district to hold an election on tax matters before July 1, has been introduced.

Assemblyman Glenn Anderson of Hawthorne, whose district includes the South Bay cities, introduced a special bill permitting the new district to hold a special election in May, at which time voters will pass on the district's recommendation that the tax rate for the new district be set at 65 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

This legislation is necessary because the law at present only provides for a maximum tax rate of 35 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, and that any election to increase the maximum rate is forbidden to new school districts until they have been officially organized.

El Camino Junior college district will not become officially organized until July 1, 1947.

Carl G. Artwedson of Redondo Beach, acting business manager of the district, explained to Anderson and to Senator Jack B. Tenney of Los Angeles that the election must be held prior to July 1 this year in order to qualify for any returns on the 1947 tax year.

Artwedson said the Los Angeles County Counsel had ruled that if the election were held on or after July 1, the district would be unable to complete the technicalities of the election in time for the 1947 tax year deadline.

Anderson's bill, an urgency measure, applies only to new school districts now in the process of organization.

Columbia Says Geneva Carloads To Be 80,000 Lbs.

Columbia Steel Co., United States Steel Corporation's west coast subsidiary, made the following announcement on March 31:

"The reduced freight rates which go into effect tonight at midnight between Geneva, Utah, and west coast points, are predicated on a minimum 80,000 lbs. loading of cars. In order to make available to as many customers as possible the saving to be realized from these rates, Columbia Steel company, U. S. Steel's west coast subsidiary, is notifying its customers that carload orders for less than 80,000 lbs., will be shipped in combination cars with other shipments unless the customer specifies otherwise."

Contest Develops Over Which Firm Will Service Helicopter Mail Route

Just who will provide helicopter service for the United States mail in the Torrance and Metropolitan area of Los Angeles and Orange counties now is up to the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Two firms are competing for the permit, Southwest Airways, Inc., and Los Angeles Airways, Inc. Civil Aeronautics examiners have approved the Los Angeles Airways application to serve the various communities, including Torrance, from Los Angeles municipal airport.

Southwest Airways, a Pacific coast feeder line operating between Los Angeles and Medford, Ore., asked the CAB to deny an examiner's report recommending Los Angeles Airways, Inc., as the carrying agent for the postoffice.

Cornelius H. Sullivan Jr., counsel for Southwest, argued that the Los Angeles Airways did not meet the legal requirements of being "fit, willing and able" to handle the revolutionary service linking almost every city within a 50-mile radius of Los Angeles.

Sullivan told the CAB that his company is a going concern and should be authorized to handle proposed helicopter mail routes radiating from Los Angeles municipal airport to suburban communities.

Martin Burke, attorney for Los Angeles Airways, countered that his line would not be competitive with Southwest and was prepared to concentrate its entire efforts on operation of the helicopters for the postoffice.

It was brought out during the argument that helicopter air mail service might be just the prelude to a helicopter bus service and both applicants appeared

Plenty Of Low Priced Meat In 'Good Old Days'

My, how times have changed! In 1908, Hugo Schmidt of the Lomita Meat Market, was peddling meat in rural areas in Springerville, New York. Feast your hungry eyes on some of these prices:

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Frankfurters	10c per lb.
Bacon	10c per lb.

Wages were \$25 per month and Hugo averaged 14 hours a day and 22 hours on Saturdays. Schmidt will celebrate his 50th anniversary in the meat business next year.

anxious to get in on the ground floor of local rooftop transportation in the area.



NEW JUDGE . . . Paul Nourse, prominent Los Angeles attorney, who was appointed to the Superior Court bench by Governor Earl Warren to fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge Ruben Schmidt, will be sworn into office Tuesday, April 15, Presiding Judge Cary B. Sheldon announced.

Federated States Societies Honor Newspapers

The 38th annual dinner of the Federation of State Societies of Southern California, will be held at the Royal Palms hotel, 360 South Westlake ave., Los Angeles, Thursday evening, April 24, at 7 o'clock.

Tribute to the newspapers of the nation for their service in times of peace and war, to the cause of Americanism, will be made by John F. Sinclair, president of the Minnesota State Society, and Lin Price, president of the Federation of State Societies.

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Torrance Area Youth Bands' Concert Friday

Plans are complete for the first anniversary concert of the Torrance Area Youth bands to be presented in the Torrance high school auditorium Friday, April 11, at 8:00 p.m. All three bands (junior, intermediate and senior) will participate in the program. Tickets are selling for 25 and 50 cents and may be purchased from members of the bands or at the door on the night of the concert. The money made from the concert will be used to pay for the new Sousa-phone which the band recently acquired.

Joan Redding will be featured in a baton twirling exhibition. Jackie Pollock and Jonathan Murakami will be featured in a cornet duet. Feature numbers will be "El Relicario," "Sole from New York," "Symphony," a novelty entitled "Comin' Around the Mountain" and "Holiday for Strings."

The intermediate and senior bands will participate in two Memorial day services in Torrance and Welteria for the veterans of this area.

Members of the bands are as follows:

Senior band: Dale Reid, Jerry Goar, Jonathan Murakami, James Spivey, Vance Ratzlaff, Jackie Pollock, Billy Price, Orrin Pollock, Donald Woolever, Stanley Patterson, Dale Whisler, Glenn Paokard, Billy Hasvold, Shird Kelton, Robert Smith, Phillip Butterfield, Jimmy Bailey, Dick Ciseo, Gene Martin, Harold Gancso, Merwin Jarratt, Barbara Houck, John Crockett, Ray Davis, Barbara Silva, Roberta Sproule, William Gough, Oran DeBois, Frank Tretter, Beverly Tretter, Erwin Straubinger, Joan Smale, Roydan Piper, Manuel Gray, George Lucas, Manuel Cantu, Bill Carnes, Tony Vazzana, John Govorchin and David McGuire.

Intermediate band: Phillip Scott, Edward Alvarez, David Garley, Gerald Meyers, Tommie Robins, Richard McEwen, Billy Strange, Larry Goff, Donald Mitchell, Warren Stamps, Harold Holmes, Edward Wilson, Cary Fritchard, Donald Moore, Charles Moore, Orville Balcom, Don Lewis, Roy Stamps, Richard Ostloch, William Leetz, Richard Tyndall, Jack Beeman, Jerry Crow, Neta Pollock, Stanley Patterson, Irwin Taute, James Albright, Ronald Sears, Duane Mittan and Ray Mitchell.

Junior band: Sally Rathbun, Billy Pellam, Horace Pullen, Gerald Meyers, Pasquale Tapia, Wayne Michael, Victor Brenneisen, Neta Pollock, Phillip Falkenstein, John Chamberlain, Edward Hutchison, and Earle Brenneisen.

Two Injuries, One Serious In Accident

Two persons were injured, one seriously, in an accident Tuesday morning at 203rd st., and Western avenue.

Lillian McCarrroll, of the Banning Homes, San Pedro, is in Harbor General hospital with a possible skull fracture and her husband was treated for minor injuries when their car crashed into another auto parked at the intersection, according to officers Johnson and Maestri, who investigated the accident.

PRIMITIVE HUNTERS
Primitive Indian hunters and fishermen went far toward keeping the game population down before the coming of the white man, says a University of California anthropologist.

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